

Hi Rachel, sorry for the delay please see below which can be attributed to a spokesperson.

The government introduced legislation to Parliament in October 2018 ([the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment \(Streamlining Regulation\) Bill 2018](#)) that will ensure that any company or individual that conducts a voluntary recall of an agvet chemical product informs the APVMA within two days of initiating the recall.

The legislation before the Parliament will also require the APVMA to publish information about the recall on its website and in the Gazette and allows the APVMA to publish this information in any other manner it thinks appropriate.

These new requirements will apply to all voluntary recalls conducted because of concerns that a chemical product (or a batch of a product) does not meet legal requirements. These include issues such as potential damage to human health, harm to animals, plants—including target crops—or the environment, or because of concerns over the effectiveness of the product or risks to trade.

Holders of product registrations already have a legal obligation to inform the APVMA if they become aware that the chemical product does not meet the statutory criteria for safety, efficacy or trade.

Chemical companies are also legally obliged to supply chemical products that are safe and effective and whose formulation matches that of the APVMA registration. This includes being safe to use on target crops.

Growers who have suffered losses due to contaminated products should seek compensation from the relevant company or through the courts.

The APVMA already has legal powers to issue notices requiring mandatory recalls of products.

*Note: The APVMA is responsible for the recall guidelines.*